

Representatives Scarborough, and Waxman. Appointed as additional conferees: Representatives Goss and Berry.

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Questions of Privilege: Pursuant to Rule IX, Representatives Doyle and Klink announced their intentions to present questions of the privileges of the House in the form of resolutions that call on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The forms of these resolutions appear on pages H11390–91.

County Schools Funding Revitalization Act: The House passed H.R. 2389, to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools and roads by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 560.

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the George Miller of California amendment that clarifies that the approved projects shall be in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

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Rejected the Udall of Colorado amendment that sought to give each eligible county the option of using 20 percent of its distribution for community based projects rather than to require it by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 559.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 352, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, amendments in H. Rept. 106–437 were considered as adopted.

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Providing for Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 353, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 200 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 561.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 353, the majority Leader announced that the following suspensions will be considered on Thursday, Nov. 4: H. Con. Res. 214 and H.R. 1693.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other

activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 562.

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H. Res. 354, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to the Linder amendment in the nature of a substitute that considers an amendment to H.R. 3194 to strike section 175 as adopted.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Separation of isotopes of uranium: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Australia concerning technology for the separation of isotopes of uranium by laser excitation—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and

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Veto Message on District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Message wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 and explains his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–154.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11375 and H11478.

Referrals: S. 440 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; S. 1844 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; and S. Con. Res. 67 and S. Con. Res. 66 were referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11380, H11389–90, H11418–19, H11419–20, H11421, and H11439–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEBT RELIEF FOR POVERTY REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1095, Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction Act of 1999.

SPAMMING

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Spamming: The E-Mail You Want

To Can, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; H.R. 2162, Can Spam Act; and H.R. 1910, E-Mail User Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wilson, Green of Texas; and Gary Miller of California; Eileen Harrington, Associate Director, Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1693, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities; H.R. 2434, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act of 1999; and H.R. 3172, amended, to amend the welfare-to-work program and modify the welfare-to-work performance bonus.

PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Providing Adequate Housing: Is HUD Fulfilling Its Mission? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Saul Ramirez, Jr., Deputy Secretary; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Kathy Kuhl-Inclan, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2533, Fairness in Telecommunications License Transfers Act of 1999; H.R. 2636, Taxpayer's Defense Act; and H.R. 2701, Justice for MAS Applicants of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntosh and Hayworth; William Kennard, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

PROHIBIT INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action H.R. 3125, to prohibit Internet gambling.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS AREAS

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, S. 430, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on a proposal by the Administration directing U.S. Forest Service to promulgate regulations regarding roadless areas within the National Forest System. Testimony was heard from George Frampton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and a public witness.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of November 10, 1999, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of November 10, 1999, providing for consideration of any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule H.R. 3196, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be in order without intervention of any point of order or demand for a division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2000 MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule providing that the House disagrees to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule provides that the House agrees to the conference requested by the Senate thereon.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

HOME PAGE TAX REPEAL ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2797, Home Page Tax Repeal Act.

AGING OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems held a joint hearing on The Aging of Agriculture: Empowering Young Farmers to Grow for the Future. Testimony was heard from Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD'S SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's search and rescue mission. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

HARBOR AND INLAND WATERWAY FINANCING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Harbor and Inland Waterway Financing. Testimony was heard from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION—UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information: Scope and Seriousness of the Problem. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—FAA

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

CHECHEN/RUSSIAN CRISIS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings on the Chechen crisis and its implication for Russian democracy, after receiving testimony from Lyoma Usmanov, Representative of the Chechen Republic to the United States; John Dunlop, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Fiona Hill, Eurasia Foundation, and Yo'av Karny, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings on certain initiatives to improve nursing home quality of care, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and the nomination of John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on local phone competition, examining how to increase consumer choice in local telephone markets, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Chechnya, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future United States policy with Nigeria, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands; and S. 1315, to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to the MCI Worldcom/Sprint merger, 11 a.m., SD-226.